1	ACCESS UTAH PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
2	2019 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Derrin R. Owens
5	Senate Sponsor:
6 7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
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	This bill creates the Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program and repeals certain
10	other scholarship programs.
11	Highlighted Provisions:
12	This bill:
13	 creates the Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program;
14	enacts provisions related to promise scholarships, including provisions related to:
15	eligibility; and
16	 the amount awarded for a promise scholarship;
17	enacts provisions related to promise partner awards, including provisions related to:
18	 eligibility, including requirements for employers who intend to participate as
19	promise partners; and
20	administration of the program;
21	 prohibits the State Board of Regents (board) from accepting applications for certain
22	previously authorized scholarships after July 1, 2019;
23	 allows an individual who received certain scholarships before July 1, 2019, to
24	receive the scholarships until the end of the scholarship term;
25	requires the board to make administrative rules;
26	 allows the board to use certain existing funds for administrative costs associated
27	with certain scholarships;



28	provides repeal dates; and
29	 makes technical and conforming changes.
30	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
31	This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2020:
32	► to the State Board of Regents – Student Assistance – Access Utah Promise
33	Scholarship Program, as a one-time appropriation:
34	• from the Education Fund, One-time, \$30,000,000.
35	Other Special Clauses:
36	None
37	Utah Code Sections Affected:
38	AMENDS:
39	53B-6-105, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapters 210 and 370
40	53B-6-105.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 49
41	53B-6-105.7, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 210
42	53B-8-105, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 386
43	53B-8-112, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 426
44	53B-8-201, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 386
45	53B-8a-107, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 46
46	63G-12-402, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 386
47	63I-2-253, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 107, 281, 382, 415, and
48	456
49	63I-2-263, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 38, 95, 382, and 469
50	ENACTS:
51	53B-8-114, Utah Code Annotated 1953
52	53B-8-301, Utah Code Annotated 1953
53	53B-8-302, Utah Code Annotated 1953
54	53B-8-303, Utah Code Annotated 1953
55	53B-8-304, Utah Code Annotated 1953
56	REPEALS:
57	53B-8-113, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 426
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59	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
60	Section 1. Section 53B-6-105 is amended to read:
61	53B-6-105. Engineering and Computer Technology Initiative.
62	(1) The Legislature recognizes that a significant increase in the number of engineering,
63	computer science, and related technology graduates from the state system of higher education is
64	required over the next several years to advance the intellectual, cultural, social, and economic
65	well-being of the state and its citizens.
66	(2) (a) (i) The [State Board of Regents] board shall therefore develop, establish, and
67	maintain an Engineering and Computer Science Initiative within the state system of higher
68	education to double the number of graduates in engineering, computer science, and related
69	technology by 2006 and triple the number of graduates by 2009.
70	(ii) The board shall make [a rule] rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
71	Administrative Rulemaking Act, providing the criteria for those fields of study that qualify as
72	"related technology" under this section and [Sections 53B-6-105.7 and] Section 53B-6-105.9.
73	(b) The initiative shall include components that:
74	(i) improve the quality of instructional programs in engineering, computer science, and
75	related technology by providing supplemental money for equipment purchases; and
76	[(ii) provide incentives to:]
77	[(A) students through a scholarship program under Section 53B-6-105.7; and]
78	[(B)] (ii) provide incentives to institutions to hire and retain faculty under Section
79	53B-6-105.9.
80	(3) The increase in program capacity under Subsection (2)(a) shall include funding for
81	new and renovated capital facilities and funding for new engineering and computer science
82	programs.
83	(4) The Legislature shall provide an annual appropriation to the [State Board of
84	Regents] board to fund the initiative.
85	Section 2. Section 53B-6-105.5 is amended to read:
86	53B-6-105.5. Technology Initiative Advisory Board Composition Duties.

(1) There is created a Technology Initiative Advisory Board to assist and make recommendations to the State Board of Regents in its administration of the Engineering and Computer Science Initiative established under Section 53B-6-105.

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90 (2) (a) The advisory board shall consist of individuals appointed by the governor from 91 business and industry who have expertise in the areas of engineering, computer science, and 92 related technologies. 93 (b) The advisory board shall select a chair and cochair. 94 (c) The advisory board shall meet at the call of the chair. 95 (d) The State Board of Regents, through the commissioner of higher education, shall 96 provide staff support for the advisory board. 97 (3) A member of an advisory board may not receive compensation or benefits for the 98 member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with: 99 (a) Section 63A-3-106; 100 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and 101 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 102 63A-3-107. 103 (4) The advisory board shall: 104 (a) make recommendations to the State Board of Regents on the allocation and 105 distribution of money appropriated to fund: 106 (i) the faculty incentive program established in Section 53B-6-105.9; and 107 (ii) equipment purchases required to improve the quality of instructional programs in 108 engineering, computer science, and related technology; [and] 109 [(iii) the scholarship program established in Section 53B-6-105.7.] 110 (b) prepare a strategic plan that details actions required by the State Board of Regents 111 to meet the intent of the Engineering and Technology Science Initiative; 112 (c) review and assess engineering, computer science, and related technology programs 113 currently being offered at higher education institutions and their impact on the economic 114 prosperity of the state; 115 (d) provide the State Board of Regents with an assessment and reporting plan that: 116

(i) measures results against expectations under the initiative, including verification of the matching requirements for institutions of higher education to receive money under Section 53B-6-105.9; and

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(ii) includes an analysis of market demand for technical employment, program
 articulation among higher education institutions in engineering, computer science, and related

121	technology, tracking of student placement, student admission to the initiative program by
122	region, transfer rates, and retention in and graduation rates from the initiative program; and
123	(e) make an annual report of its activities to the State Board of Regents.
124	(5) The annual report of the Technology Initiative Advisory Board shall include the
125	summary report of the institutional matches described in Section 53B-6-105.9.
126	Section 3. Section 53B-6-105.7 is amended to read:
127	53B-6-105.7. Initiative student scholarship program.
128	(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, beginning on July 1, 2019, the board
129	may not accept or approve new applications for a scholarship described in this section.
130	[(1)] (2) (a) There is established an engineering, computer science, and related
131	technology scholarship program as a component of the initiative created in Section 53B-6-105.
132	(b) The program is established to recruit, retain, and train engineering, computer
133	science, and related technology students to assist in providing for and advancing the intellectual
134	and economic welfare of the state.
135	[(2)] (3) (a) The board:
136	(i) may make rules for the overall administration of the scholarship program in
137	accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
138	(ii) shall administer the program in consultation with the Technology Initiative
139	Advisory Board created in Section 53B-6-105.5.
140	(b) The board shall also use the following policies and procedures in administering the
141	student scholarship program:
142	(i) students may use scholarship money at any institution within the state system of
143	higher education that offers an engineering, computer science, or related technology degree;
144	(ii) scholarships shall be given to students who declare an intent to complete a
145	prescribed course of instruction in one of the areas referred to in Subsection $[(2)]$ (3) (b)(i) and
146	to work in the state after graduation in one of those areas; and
147	(iii) a scholarship may be cancelled at any time by the institution of attendance, if the
148	student fails to make reasonable progress towards obtaining the degree or there appears to be a
149	reasonable certainty that the student does not intend to work in the state upon graduation.
150	[(3) (a) By June 1 of each year, the Technology Initiative Advisory Board shall
151	recommend to the board a distribution of the scholarship funds to institutions in the state

152	system of higher education, based on a formula.]
153	[(b) The Technology Initiative Advisory Board shall develop the formula for
154	distribution of total scholarship funds to the institutions, which shall contain the following
155	components:]
156	[(i) the number of graduates of engineering, computer science, and related technology
157	degrees from the previous year;]
158	[(ii) the number and level of engineering, computer science, and related technology
159	degrees offered at an institution; and]
160	[(iii) the length of each engineering, computer science, and related technology degree
161	offered at an institution.]
162	(4) The Legislature shall make an annual appropriation to the board to fund the student
163	scholarship program created in this section.
164	Section 4. Section 53B-8-105 is amended to read:
165	53B-8-105. New Century scholarships High school requirements.
166	(1) As used in this section, "complete the requirements for an associate degree" means
167	that a student:
168	(a) (i) completes all the required courses for an associate degree from a higher
169	education institution within the state system of higher education that offers associate degrees;
170	and
171	(ii) applies for the associate degree from the institution; or
172	(b) completes equivalent requirements described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) from a higher
173	education institution within the state system of higher education that offers baccalaureate
174	degrees but does not offer associate degrees.
175	(2) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, beginning on July 1, 2019, the
176	board may not accept or approve new applications for a scholarship described in this section.
177	(b) The board shall award New Century scholarships.
178	[(b)] (c) The board shall develop and approve the math and science curriculum
179	described under Subsection (3)(a)(ii).
180	(3) (a) In order to qualify for a New Century scholarship, a student in Utah schools
181	shall complete the requirements for an:
182	(i) associate degree; or

183	(ii) approved math and science curriculum.
184	(b) The requirements under Subsection (3)(a) shall be completed:
185	(i) (A) for a student whose class graduates from high school in 2010 or before, by
186	September 1 of the year the student's class graduates from high school; or
187	(B) for a student whose class graduates from high school in 2011 or after, by the day on
188	which the student's class graduates from high school; and
189	(ii) with at least a 3.0 grade point average.
190	(c) In addition to the requirements in Subsection (3)(a), a student in Utah schools
191	whose class graduates from high school in 2011 or after shall:
192	(i) complete the high school graduation requirements of:
193	(A) a public high school established by the State Board of Education and the student's
194	school district or charter school; or
195	(B) a private high school in the state that is accredited by a regional accrediting body
196	approved by the board; and
197	(ii) complete high school with at least a 3.5 cumulative high school grade point
198	average.
199	(4) Notwithstanding Subsection (3), for a student who does not receive a high school
200	grade point average, the student shall:
201	(a) complete the requirements for an associate degree:
202	(i) (A) for a student who completes high school in 2010 or before, by September 1 of
203	the year the student completes high school; or
204	(B) for a student who completes high school in 2011 or after, by June 15 of the year the
205	student completes high school; and
206	(ii) with at least a 3.0 grade point average; and
207	(b) score a composite ACT score of 26 or higher.
208	(5) To be eligible for the scholarship, a student:
209	(a) shall submit an application to the board with:
210	(i) an official college transcript showing college courses the student has completed to
211	complete the requirements for an associate degree; and
212	(ii) (A) if applicable, an official high school transcript; or
213	(B) if applicable, a copy of the student's ACT scores;

214	(b) shall be a citizen of the United States or a noncitizen who is eligible to receive
215	federal student aid;
216	(c) may not have a criminal record, with the exception of a misdemeanor traffic
217	citation; and
218	(d) if applicable, shall meet the application deadlines as established by the board under
219	Subsection (10).
220	(6) (a) The scholarship may be used at a:
221	(i) higher education institution within the state system of higher education that offers
222	baccalaureate programs; or
223	(ii) private, nonprofit college or university in the state accredited by the Northwest
224	Association of Schools and Colleges that offers baccalaureate programs.
225	(b) For a student whose class graduates from high school in 2010 and who completes
226	the requirements under Subsection (3)(a) by September 1, 2010:
227	(i) if used at an institution described in Subsection (6)(a)(i), the value of the
228	scholarship is up to 75% of the tuition costs at the selected institution; or
229	(ii) if used at an institution described in Subsection (6)(a)(ii), the value of the
230	scholarship is up to 75% of the tuition costs at the institution, not to exceed 75% of the average
231	tuition costs at the institutions referred in Subsection (6)(a)(i).
232	(c) (i) For a student whose class graduates in 2011 or after and who completes the
233	requirements under this section, the total value of the scholarship is up to \$5,000, allocated
234	over a time period described in Subsection (6)(d), as prescribed by the board.
235	(ii) The board may increase the scholarship amount described in Subsection (6)(c)(i) by
236	an amount not to exceed the average percentage tuition increase approved by the board for
237	institutions in the state system of higher education.
238	(d) The scholarship is valid for the shortest of the following time periods:
239	(i) two years of full-time equivalent enrollment;
240	(ii) 60 credit hours; or
241	(iii) until the student meets the requirements for a baccalaureate degree.
242	(e) (i) A scholarship holder shall enroll full-time at a higher education institution by no
243	later than the fall term immediately following the student's high school graduation date or

receive an approved deferral from the board.

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245	(ii) The board may grant a deferral or leave of absence to a scholarship holder, but the
246	student may only receive scholarship money within five years of the student's high school
247	graduation date.
248	(7) The board may cancel a New Century scholarship at any time if the student fails to:
249	(a) register for at least 15 credit hours per semester;
250	(b) maintain a 3.3 grade point average for two consecutive semesters; or
251	(c) make reasonable progress toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree.
252	(8) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall make an annual
253	appropriation from the General Fund to the board for the costs associated with the New
254	Century Scholarship Program authorized under this section.
255	(b) It is understood that the appropriation is offset in part by the state money that would
256	otherwise be required and appropriated for these students if they were enrolled in a four-year
257	postsecondary program at a state-operated institution.
258	(c) Notwithstanding Subsections (2)[(a)] (b) and (6), if the appropriation under
259	Subsection (8)(a) is insufficient to cover the costs associated with the New Century Scholarship
260	Program, the board may reduce the scholarship amount.
261	(9) (a) The board shall adopt policies establishing an application process and an appeal
262	process for a New Century scholarship.
263	(b) The board shall disclose on all applications and related materials that the amount of
264	the scholarship is subject to funding and may be reduced, in accordance with Subsection (8)(c).
265	(c) The board shall require an applicant for a New Century scholarship to certify under
266	penalty of perjury that:
267	(i) the applicant is a United States citizen; or
268	(ii) the applicant is a noncitizen who is eligible to receive federal student aid.
269	(d) The certification under this Subsection (9) shall include a statement advising the
270	signer that providing false information subjects the signer to penalties for perjury.
271	(10) The board may set deadlines for receiving New Century scholarship applications
272	and supporting documentation.

Section 5. Section **53B-8-112** is amended to read:

scholarship established in Part 2, Regents' Scholarship Program.

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(11) A student may not receive both a New Century scholarship and a Regents'

276	53B-8-112. Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program.
277	(1) The Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program is created.
278	(2) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions in this section, the board may not reimburse an
279	individual for an academic year that begins on or after July 1, 2019.
280	(b) Subject to legislative appropriations and Subsection (7) the board shall reimburse
281	an applicant who:
282	[(a)] (i) is a certified peace officer, currently employed by a law enforcement agency
283	within the state;
284	[(b)] (ii) has been employed as a certified peace officer for three or more consecutive
285	years;
286	[(c)] (iii) is seeking a post-secondary degree in the area of criminal justice from a
287	credit-granting higher education institution within the state system of higher education,
288	described in Section 53B-1-102; and
289	[(d)] (iv) is employed as a peace officer for one year following completion of the
290	academic year for which the individual is seeking reimbursement.
291	(3) Individuals who qualify for reimbursement from the Public Safety Officer Career
292	Advancement Reimbursement [program] Program may apply for reimbursement by July 1 one
293	year after each academic year for which they are requesting reimbursement.
294	(4) Subject to Legislative appropriations, of the funds appropriated for the [Peace]
295	<u>Public Safety</u> Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program:
296	(a) 25% of the annual appropriation shall be designated for applicants who are
297	currently employed by a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in a county of the third or
298	fourth class; and
299	(b) 12% of the annual appropriation shall be designated for applicants who are
300	currently employed by a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in a county of the fifth or
301	sixth class.
302	(5) (a) A qualified applicant may be reimbursed up to half of the cost of tuition and
303	fees.
304	(b) A reimbursement under Subsection (5)(a) is limited to:
305	(i) a maximum of \$5,000 each academic year; and
306	(ii) a maximum of eight academic years.

307	(6) (a) The board shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
308	Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:
309	(i) set deadlines for receiving reimbursement applications and supporting
310	documentation; and
311	(ii) establish the application process and an appeal process for a reimbursement from
312	the [Peace] Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program, including
313	procedures to allow for online application submittals.
314	(b) The board shall include a disclosure on all applications and related materials that
315	the amount of the awarded reimbursements may be subject to funding or be reduced, in
316	accordance with Subsection (7).
317	(7) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall make an annual
318	appropriation from the Education Fund to the board for the costs associated with the [Peace]
319	Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program authorized under this
320	section.
321	(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if the appropriation under this
322	section is insufficient to cover the costs associated with the [Peace] Public Safety Officer
323	Career Advancement Reimbursement Program, the board may reduce the amount of a
324	reimbursement.
325	(c) Any individual who is denied reimbursement because of insufficient funds
326	appropriated may re-apply for reimbursement up to two years after the first year of eligibility.
327	Section 6. Section 53B-8-114 is enacted to read:
328	53B-8-114. Continuation of previously authorized scholarships.
329	(1) As used in this section:
330	(a) "Institution of higher education" means an institution that is part of the Utah System
331	of Higher Education described in Section 53B-1-102.
332	(b) "Scholarship term" means the length of time during which an individual is eligible
333	to receive award money through a program described in Subsection (2)(a).
334	(2) The board or an institution of higher education:
335	(a) beginning on July 1, 2019, may not accept or approve new applications for an
336	award described in:
337	(i) Section 53B-6-105.7, which describes engineering and computer technology

338	scholarships;
339	(ii) Section 53B-8-105, which describes New Century scholarships;
340	(iii) Section 53B-8-112, which describes a reimbursement for public safety officers; or
341	(iv) Chapter 8, Part 2, Regents' Scholarship Program; and
342	(b) may pay, through the end of the scholarship term, an award through a program
343	described in Subsection (2)(a) to an individual whose application for the program was accepted
344	or approved before July 1, 2019.
345	Section 7. Section 53B-8-201 is amended to read:
346	53B-8-201. Regents' Scholarship Program.
347	(1) As used in this section:
348	(a) "Eligible institution" means:
349	(i) a credit-granting institution of higher education within the state system of higher
350	education described in Section 53B-1-102; or
351	(ii) a private, nonprofit college or university in the state that is accredited by the
352	Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.
353	(b) "Eligible student" means a student who:
354	(i) applies to the board in accordance with the rules described in Subsection [(6)] (7);
355	(ii) is enrolled in an eligible institution; and
356	(iii) meets the criteria established by the board in rules described in Subsection [(6)]
357	<u>(7)</u> .
358	(c) "Program" means the Regents' Scholarship Program described in this section.
359	(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, beginning on July 1, 2019, the board
360	may not accept or approve new applications for a Regents' scholarship.
361	[(2)] (3) (a) A student who graduates from high school after July 1, 2018, and before
362	<u>July 1, 2019</u> :
363	(i) may receive a Regents' scholarship in accordance with this section; and
364	(ii) may not [may] receive a scholarship in accordance with Sections 53B-8-202
365	through 53B-8-205.
366	(b) A student who graduates from high school on or before July 1, 2018:
367	(i) may receive a scholarship in accordance with Sections 53B-8-202 through
368	53B-8-205; and

369	(ii) may not receive a Regents' scholarship in accordance with this section.
370	[(3)] (4) (a) Subject to legislative appropriations and Subsection $[(3)]$ (4)(d), beginning
371	with an appropriation for fiscal year 2019, the board shall annually distribute money for the
372	Regents' Scholarship Program described in this section to each eligible institution to award as
373	Regents' scholarships to eligible students.
374	(b) The board shall annually determine the amount of a Regents' scholarship based on:
375	(i) the number of eligible students in the state; and
376	(ii) money available for the program.
377	(c) The board shall annually determine the total amount of money to distribute to an
378	eligible institution based on the eligible institution's share of all eligible students in the state.
379	(d) An eligible institution that is a private, nonprofit college or university shall, to
380	receive money distributed by the board described in Subsection [(3)] (4)(a), enter into a written
381	agreement with the board in which the eligible institution agrees to:
382	(i) provide the board with access to information and data necessary for the purposes of
383	the program; and
384	(ii) comply with an audit by the board described in Subsection [(5)] (6) if the board
385	conducts an audit.
386	[(4)] (5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection $[(4)]$ (5)(b), an eligible institution shall
387	provide to an eligible student a Regents' scholarship in the amount determined by the board
388	described in Subsection $[(3)]$ (4) (b).
389	(b) An eligible institution may reduce the amount of a Regents' scholarship provided to
390	an eligible student based on other state aid awarded to the eligible student for tuition and fees.
391	[(5)] <u>(6)</u> The board may:
392	(a) audit an eligible institution's administration of Regents' scholarships; and
393	(b) require an eligible institution to repay to the board money distributed to the eligible
394	institution under this section that is not provided to an eligible student as a Regents'
395	scholarship.
396	[(6)] (7) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking
397	Act, the board shall make rules that establish:
398	(a) requirements related to an eligible institution's administration of Regents'

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scholarships;

400	(b) a process for a student to apply to the board to determine the student's eligibility fo
401	a Regents' scholarship;
402	(c) criteria to determine a student's eligibility for a Regents' scholarship, including:
403	(i) minimum secondary education academic performance standards;
404	(ii) the completion of secondary core curriculum and graduation requirements;
405	(iii) the completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid;
406	(iv) need-based measures that address college affordability and access; and
407	(v) minimum enrollment requirements in an eligible institution; and
408	(d) a requirement for each eligible institution to annually report to the board on all
409	Regents' scholarships awarded by the eligible institution.
410	[(7) The board shall annually report on the program to the Higher Education
411	Appropriations Subcommittee.]
412	(8) (a) The State Board of Education, a school district, or a public high school shall
413	cooperate with the board and eligible institutions to facilitate the program, including by
414	exchanging relevant data where allowed by law.
415	(b) The State Board of Education shall annually provide to the board a list of directory
416	information, including name and address, for each grade 8 student in the state.
417	Section 8. Section 53B-8-301 is enacted to read:
418	Part 3. Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program
419	<u>53B-8-301.</u> Definitions.
420	As used in this part:
421	(1) "Access Utah promise scholarship" or "promise scholarship" means a scholarship
422	described in Section 53B-8-303.
423	(2) "Eligible individual" means an individual who:
424	(a) applies for a promise scholarship in accordance with Section 53B-8-303; and
425	(b) meets the eligibility requirements described in Section 53B-8-303.
426	(3) "Eligible institution of higher education" or "institution" means an institution
427	described in Section 53B-1-102 that offers a program of study that leads to an associate degree
428	or certificate.
429	(4) "Membership hour" means 60 minutes of scheduled instruction provided by an
430	eligible institution to a student enrolled in a noncredit certificate program.

431	(5) "Partner award" means a financial award described in Section 53B-8-304.
432	(6) "Promise partner" means an employer that participates in the program described in
433	Section 53B-8-304.
434	Section 9. Section 53B-8-302 is enacted to read:
435	53B-8-302. Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program.
436	(1) There is created the Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program, which includes:
437	(a) promise scholarships described Section 53B-8-303; and
438	(b) partner awards described in Section 53B-8-304.
439	(2) The board may not allocate more than 20% of a legislative appropriation for the
440	Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program for partner awards.
441	Section 10. Section 53B-8-303 is enacted to read:
442	53B-8-303. Access Utah promise scholarships.
443	(1) An individual may apply for a promise scholarship in accordance with the rules
444	described in Subsection (8).
445	(2) An individual is eligible to receive a promise scholarship if the individual:
446	(a) (i) has a high school diploma or the equivalent; and
447	(ii) does not have an associate or higher postsecondary degree;
448	(b) demonstrates financial need, in accordance with the rules described in Subsection
449	<u>(8);</u>
450	(c) is a Utah resident;
451	(d) enrolls in an institution; and
452	(e) accepts all other grants and scholarships offered to the individual to attend the
453	institution in which the individual enrolls.
454	(3) Subject to legislative appropriations, and in accordance with the rules described in
455	Subsection (8), the board shall annually distribute money for promise scholarships to each
456	<u>institution.</u>
457	(4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(d), an institution shall award a promise
458	scholarship to an eligible individual.
459	(b) For a promise scholarship recipient, an institution shall:
460	(i) evaluate the recipient's knowledge, skills, and competencies acquired through
461	formal or informal education outside the traditional postsecondary academic environment; and

462	(ii) award credit, as applicable, for the recipient's prior learning described in Subsection
463	<u>(4)(b)(i).</u>
464	(c) An institution shall award a promise scholarship in an amount that is equal to the
465	difference between:
466	(i) the total cost of tuition and fees for the program in which the recipient is enrolled;
467	<u>and</u>
468	(ii) the total value of all other grants, fee waivers, and scholarships received by the
469	recipient to attend the institution.
470	(d) If an institution's distribution described in Subsection (3) is insufficient to award a
471	promise scholarship to each eligible individual in the amount described in Subsection (4)(c),
472	the institution:
473	(i) shall, when possible, use other funding sources to fully fund the amount described
474	in Subsection (4)(c) for each eligible individual; and
475	(ii) may prioritize promise scholarships based on financial need in accordance with the
476	rules described in Subsection (8).
477	(5) (a) Subject to Subsection (5)(b), an institution shall continue to award a promise
478	scholarship to a recipient who meets the requirements established by the board in the rules
479	described in Subsection (8) until the earliest of the following:
480	(i) two years after the individual initially receives a promise scholarship;
481	(ii) the recipient uses a promise scholarship to attend an institution for four semesters;
482	<u>or</u>
483	(iii) the recipient completes an associate degree.
484	(b) A recipient may not use a promise scholarship to complete more than 900
485	membership hours.
486	(6) A recipient may only use a promise scholarship for tuition and fees.
487	(7) A promise scholarship is transferable between institutions.
488	(8) (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
489	and Subsection (8)(b), the board shall make rules to establish:
490	(i) requirements related to whether an individual is eligible for a promise scholarship,
491	including:
492	(A) a process for an eligible individual to defer a promise scholarship:

493	(B) how an individual demonstrates financial need for purposes of receiving a promise
494	scholarship; and
495	(C) how to determine whether an individual is a Utah resident;
496	(ii) a process and requirements for an individual to apply for a promise scholarship;
497	(iii) a formula to determine the distributions to each institution described in Subsection
498	(3) that takes into account:
499	(A) the cost of tuition and fees for programs offered by institutions; and
500	(B) the number of eligible individuals who attend each institution;
501	(iv) how an institution may prioritize awarding scholarships based on the financial
502	needs of eligible individuals;
503	(v) conditions a recipient is required to meet to continue to receive a promise
504	scholarship, including requirements related to academic achievement and enrollment status;
505	<u>and</u>
506	(vi) a requirement that in communicating about promise scholarships to recipients and
507	potential recipients, the board and institutions do not portray the Access Utah Promise
508	Scholarship Program as a program that is guaranteed to be in effect indefinitely.
509	(b) In making the rules described in Subsection (8)(a), the board shall consult with the
510	Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees.
511	Section 11. Section 53B-8-304 is enacted to read:
512	53B-8-304. Utah promise partners.
513	(1) In consultation with the Talent Ready Utah Center created in Section 63N-12-502,
514	and in accordance with Subsection (2), the board shall select employers to be promise partners.
515	(2) The board may select an employer as a promise partner if the employer:
516	(a) applies to the board to be a promise partner; and
517	(b) meets other requirements established by the board in the rules described in
518	Subsection (5).
519	(3) An individual employed by a promise partner is eligible to receive a partner award
520	if the individual:
521	(a) applies for a partner award;
522	(b) is admitted to and enrolled in an institution;
523	(c) is a Utah resident;

524	(d) does not have an associate or higher postsecondary degree;
525	(e) meets requirements established by the promise partner related to a partner award;
526	<u>and</u>
527	(f) maintains the eligibility requirements described in this Subsection (3) for the full
528	length of time the individual receives the partner award.
529	(4) (a) Subject to legislative appropriations and Subsection (4)(b), the board shall
530	award a partner award to an individual who meets the requirements described in Subsection
531	<u>(3).</u>
532	(b) The board may:
533	(i) award a partner award for up to the portion of tuition and fees for a program at an
534	institution that is not covered by an employer reimbursement described in Subsection (5)(b);
535	<u>and</u>
536	(ii) prioritize awarding partner awards if an appropriation for partner awards is not
537	sufficient to provide a partner award to each individual who is eligible under Subsection (3).
538	(c) (i) Subject to Subsection (4)(c)(ii), the board may continue to award a partner award
539	to a recipient who meets the requirements described in Subsection (3) until the earliest of the
540	following:
541	(A) two years after the individual initially receives a partner award;
542	(B) the recipient uses a partner award to attend an institution for four semesters; or
543	(C) the recipient completes an associate degree.
544	(ii) A recipient may not use a partner award to complete more than 900 membership
545	hours.
546	(5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
547	board shall make rules that establish:
548	(a) requirements for an employer to seek and receive approval from the board for the
549	employer's employees to receive partner awards;
550	(b) requirements related to an employer providing reimbursement to an employee who
551	receives a partner award for a portion of the employee's tuition and fees;
552	(c) a process for an individual to apply for a partner award;
553	(d) criteria for the board to prioritize awarding partner awards; and
554	(e) a requirement that an institution shall, for a recipient of a partner award:

555	(i) evaluate the recipient's knowledge, skills, and competencies acquired through
556	formal or informal education outside the traditional postsecondary academic environment; and
557	(ii) award credit, as applicable, for the recipient's prior learning described in Subsection
558	(5)(d)(i).
559	Section 12. Section 53B-8a-107 is amended to read:
560	53B-8a-107. Program, administrative, and endowment funds Investment and
561	payments from funds.
562	(1) (a) The plan shall segregate money received by the plan into three funds, the
563	program fund, the administrative fund, and the endowment fund.
564	(b) The plan, as approved by the board, may hold, deposit, and invest program fund,
565	administrative fund, and endowment fund money in the following:
566	(i) the Public Treasurer's Investment Fund;
567	(ii) mutual funds, securities, or other investments registered with the United States
568	Securities and Exchange Commission;
569	(iii) federally insured depository institutions;
570	(iv) stable value products, including guaranteed investment contracts, guaranteed
571	interest contracts, and guaranteed insurance contracts; and
572	(v) any investments that are determined by the board to be appropriate and that would
573	be authorized under:
574	(A) the provisions of Section 51-7-11; or
575	(B) rules of the State Money Management Council applicable to gift funds.
576	(2) Transfers may be made from the program fund to the administrative fund to pay
577	operating costs:
578	(a) associated with administering the plan and as required under Sections 53B-8a-103
579	through 53B-8a-105; and
580	(b) as included in the budget approved by the board.
581	(3) (a) All money paid by account owners in connection with account agreements shall
582	be deposited as received into separate accounts within the program fund which shall be
583	invested and accounted for separately.
584	(b) Money accrued by account owners in the program fund may be used for:
585	(i) payments to any institution of higher education;

586	(ii) payments to the account owner or beneficiary;
587	(iii) transfers to another 529 plan; or
588	(iv) other expenditures or transfers made in accordance with the account agreement.
589	(4) (a) All money received by the plan from the proceeds of gifts and other
590	endowments for the purposes of the plan shall be:
591	(i) deposited, according to the nature of the donation, as received into the endowment
592	fund or the administrative fund; and
593	(ii) invested and accounted for separately.
594	(b) Any gifts, grants, or donations made by any governmental unit or any person, firm,
595	partnership, or corporation to the plan for deposit to the endowment fund or the administrative
596	fund is a grant, gift, or donation to the state for the accomplishment of a valid public
597	eleemosynary, charitable, and educational purpose and is not included in the income of the
598	donor for Utah tax purposes.
599	(c) (i) The endowment fund or the administrative fund may be used to enhance the
600	savings of low income account owners investing in the plan, for scholarships, or for other
601	college savings incentive programs as approved by the board.
602	(ii) The board may use up to 3% of the money in the endowment fund for
603	administrative costs associated with implementing Chapter 8, Part 3, Access Utah Promise
604	Scholarship Program.
605	(d) Transfers may be made between the endowment fund and the administrative fund
606	upon approval by the board.
607	(e) Endowment fund earnings not accruing to a beneficiary under an account
608	agreement, not transferred to the administrative fund, or not otherwise approved by the board
609	for expenditure, shall be reinvested in the endowment fund.
610	Section 13. Section 63G-12-402 is amended to read:
611	63G-12-402. Receipt of state, local, or federal public benefits Verification
612	Exceptions Fraudulently obtaining benefits Criminal penalties Annual report.
613	(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3) or when exempted by federal law, an
614	agency or political subdivision of the state shall verify the lawful presence in the United States
615	of an individual at least 18 years of age who applies for:
616	(i) a state or local public benefit as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1621; or

617	(ii) a federal public benefit as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1611, that is administered by an
618	agency or political subdivision of this state.
619	(b) For purpose of a license issued under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction
620	Trades Licensing Act, to an applicant that is an unincorporated entity, the Department of
621	Commerce shall verify in accordance with this Subsection (1) the lawful presence in the United
622	States of each individual who:
623	(i) owns an interest in the contractor that is an unincorporated entity; and
624	(ii) engages, or will engage, in a construction trade in Utah as an owner of the
625	contractor described in Subsection (1)(b)(i).
626	(2) This section shall be enforced without regard to race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or
627	national origin.
628	(3) Verification of lawful presence under this section is not required for:
629	(a) any purpose for which lawful presence in the United States is not restricted by law,
630	ordinance, or regulation;
631	(b) assistance for health care items and services that:
632	(i) are necessary for the treatment of an emergency medical condition, as defined in 42
633	U.S.C. Sec. 1396b(v)(3), of the individual involved; and
634	(ii) are not related to an organ transplant procedure;
635	(c) short-term, noncash, in-kind emergency disaster relief;
636	(d) public health assistance for immunizations with respect to immunizable diseases
637	and for testing and treatment of symptoms of communicable diseases whether or not the
638	symptoms are caused by the communicable disease;
639	(e) programs, services, or assistance such as soup kitchens, crisis counseling and
640	intervention, and short-term shelter, specified by the United States Attorney General, in the
641	sole and unreviewable discretion of the United States Attorney General after consultation with
642	appropriate federal agencies and departments, that:
643	(i) deliver in-kind services at the community level, including through public or private
644	nonprofit agencies;
645	(ii) do not condition the provision of assistance, the amount of assistance provided, or

the cost of assistance provided on the income or resources of the individual recipient; and

(iii) are necessary for the protection of life or safety;

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648	(f) the exemption for paying the nonresident portion of total tuition as set forth in
649	Section 53B-8-106;
650	(g) an applicant for a license under Section 61-1-4, if the applicant:
651	(i) is registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority; and
652	(ii) files an application with the state Division of Securities through the Central
653	Registration Depository;
654	(h) a state public benefit to be given to an individual under Title 49, Utah State
655	Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act;
656	(i) a home loan that will be insured, guaranteed, or purchased by:
657	(i) the Federal Housing Administration, the Veterans Administration, or any other
658	federal agency; or
659	(ii) an enterprise as defined in 12 U.S.C. Sec. 4502;
660	(j) a subordinate loan or a grant that will be made to an applicant in connection with a
661	home loan that does not require verification under Subsection (3)(i);
662	(k) an applicant for a license issued by the Department of Commerce or individual
663	described in Subsection (1)(b), if the applicant or individual provides the Department of
664	Commerce:
665	(i) certification, under penalty of perjury, that the applicant or individual is:
666	(A) a United States citizen;
667	(B) a qualified alien as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1641; or
668	(C) lawfully present in the United States; and
669	(ii) (A) the number assigned to a driver license or identification card issued under Title
670	53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act; or
671	(B) the number assigned to a driver license or identification card issued by a state other
672	than Utah if, as part of issuing the driver license or identification card, the state verifies an
673	individual's lawful presence in the United States; and
674	(l) an applicant for:
675	(i) a Regents' scholarship described in Title 53B, Chapter 8, Part 2, Regents'
676	Scholarship Program;
677	(ii) a New Century scholarship described in Section 53B-8-105; [or]
678	(iii) a promise scholarship described in Section 53B-8-303; or

679	[(iii)] (iv) a privately funded scholarship:
680	(A) for an individual who is a graduate of a high school located within Utah; and
681	(B) administered by an institution of higher education as defined in Section 53B-2-101.
682	(4) (a) An agency or political subdivision required to verify the lawful presence in the
683	United States of an applicant under this section shall require the applicant to certify under
684	penalty of perjury that:
685	(i) the applicant is a United States citizen; or
686	(ii) the applicant is:
687	(A) a qualified alien as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1641; and
688	(B) lawfully present in the United States.
689	(b) The certificate required under this Subsection (4) shall include a statement advising
690	the signer that providing false information subjects the signer to penalties for perjury.
691	(5) An agency or political subdivision shall verify a certification required under
692	Subsection (4)(a)(ii) through the federal SAVE program.
693	(6) (a) An individual who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or
694	fraudulent statement or representation in a certification under Subsection (3)(k) or (4) is subject
695	to the criminal penalties applicable in this state for:
696	(i) making a written false statement under Subsection 76-8-504(2); and
697	(ii) fraudulently obtaining:
698	(A) public assistance program benefits under Sections 76-8-1205 and 76-8-1206; or
699	(B) unemployment compensation under Section 76-8-1301.
700	(b) If the certification constitutes a false claim of United States citizenship under 18
701	U.S.C. Sec. 911, the agency or political subdivision shall file a complaint with the United
702	States Attorney General for the applicable district based upon the venue in which the
703	application was made.
704	(c) If an agency or political subdivision receives verification that a person making an
705	application for a benefit, service, or license is not a qualified alien, the agency or political
706	subdivision shall provide the information to the Office of the Attorney General unless
707	prohibited by federal mandate.
708	(7) An agency or political subdivision may adopt variations to the requirements of this

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section that:

710 (a) clearly improve the efficiency of or reduce delay in the verification process; or 711 (b) provide for adjudication of unique individual circumstances where the verification 712 procedures in this section would impose an unusual hardship on a legal resident of Utah. 713 (8) It is unlawful for an agency or a political subdivision of this state to provide a state, 714 local, or federal benefit, as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1611 and 1621, in violation of this section. 715 (9) A state agency or department that administers a program of state or local public 716 benefits shall: 717 (a) provide an annual report to the governor, the president of the Senate, and the 718 speaker of the House regarding its compliance with this section; and 719 (b) (i) monitor the federal SAVE program for application verification errors and 720 significant delays; 721 (ii) provide an annual report on the errors and delays to ensure that the application of 722 the federal SAVE program is not erroneously denying a state or local benefit to a legal resident 723 of the state; and 724 (iii) report delays and errors in the federal SAVE program to the United States 725 Department of Homeland Security. 726 Section 14. Section **63I-2-253** is amended to read: 727 63I-2-253. Repeal dates -- Titles 53 through 53G. 728 (1) Section 53A-24-602 is repealed July 1, 2018. 729 $[\frac{(2)}{(1)}]$ (1) (a) Subsections 53B-2a-103(2) and (4) are repealed July 1, 2019. 730 (b) When repealing Subsections 53B-2a-103(2) and (4), the Office of Legislative 731 Research and General Counsel shall, in addition to its authority under Subsection 36-12-12(3), 732 make necessary changes to subsection numbering and cross references. 733 $[\frac{(3)}{(3)}]$ (2) (a) Subsection 53B-2a-108(5) is repealed July 1, 2022. 734 (b) When repealing Subsection 53B-2a-108(5), the Office of Legislative Research and 735 General Counsel shall, in addition to its authority under Subsection 36-12-12(3), make 736 necessary changes to subsection numbering and cross references.

 $[\frac{(4)}{(3)}]$ (3) (a) Subsection 53B-7-705(6)(b)(ii)(A), the language that states "Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b)(ii)(B)," is repealed July 1, 2021.

(b) Subsection 53B-7-705(6)(b)(ii)(B) is repealed July 1, 2021.

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740 $[\frac{(5)}{(4)}]$ (4) (a) Subsection 53B-7-707(4)(a)(ii), the language that states "Except as

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        provided in Subsection (4)(b)," is repealed July 1, 2021.
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                (b) Subsection 53B-7-707(4)(b) is repealed July 1, 2021.
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                [(6) (a) The following sections are repealed on July 1, 2023:]
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                (i) Section 53B-8-202;
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                (ii) Section 53B-8-203;
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                [(iii) Section 53B-8-204; and]
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               (iv) Section 53B-8-205.
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               (b) (i) Subsection 53B-8-201(2) is repealed on July 1, 2023.
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               [(ii) When repealing Subsection 53B-8-201(2), the Office of Legislative Research and
        General Counsel shall, in addition to its authority under Subsection 36-12-12(3), make
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        necessary changes to subsection numbering and cross references.
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               (5) Section 53B-6-105.7 is repealed July 1, 2024.
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               (6) Section 53B-8-105 is repealed July 1, 2024.
               (7) Section 53B-8-112 is repealed July 1, 2024.
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               (8) Section 53B-8-114 is repealed July 1, 2024.
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               (9) Title 53B, Chapter 8, Part 2, Regents' Scholarship Program, is repealed July 1,
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               [<del>(7)</del>] (10) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 14, Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project, is
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        repealed July 1, 2023.
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                [\frac{(8)}{(11)}] (11) Subsection 53E-5-306(3)(b)(ii)(B) is repealed July 1, 2020.
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                [9] (12) Section 53E-5-307 is repealed July 1, 2020.
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                [\frac{(10)}{(13)}] (13) Subsections 53F-2-205(4) and (5), the language that states "or 53F-2-301.5,
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        as applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.
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               [\frac{(11)}{(11)}] (14) Subsection 53F-2-301(1) is repealed July 1, 2023.
               [\frac{(12)}{(15)}] (15) Subsection 53F-2-515(1), the language that states "or 53F-2-301.5, as
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        applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.
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               [\frac{(13)}{(16)}] (16) Section 53F-4-204 is repealed July 1, 2019.
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               [\frac{(14)}{(17)}] (17) Section 53F-6-202 is repealed July 1, 2020.
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               [\frac{(15)}{(18)}] (18) Subsection 53F-9-302(3), the language that states "or 53F-2-301.5, as
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        applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.
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                [\frac{(16)}{(19)}] (19) Subsection 53F-9-305(3)(a), the language that states "or 53F-2-301.5, as
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- applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.
- 773 [(17)] (20) Subsection 53F-9-306(3)(a), the language that states "or 53F-2-301.5, as
- applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.
- 775 [(18)] (21) Subsection 53G-3-304(1)(c)(i), the language that states "or 53F-2-301.5, as
- applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.
- 777 [(19)] (22) On July 1, 2023, when making changes in this section, the Office of
- The Legislative Research and General Counsel shall, in addition to the office's authority under
- Subsection 36-12-12(3), make corrections necessary to ensure that sections and subsections
- identified in this section are complete sentences and accurately reflect the office's perception of
- 781 the Legislature's intent.
- 782 Section 15. Section **63I-2-263** is amended to read:
- 783 **63I-2-263.** Repeal dates, Title 63A to Title 63N.
- 784 (1) On July 1, 2020:
- 785 (a) Subsection 63A-3-403(5)(a)(i) is repealed; and
- 786 (b) in Subsection 63A-3-403(5)(a)(ii), the language that states "appointed on or after
- 787 May 8, 2018," is repealed.
- 788 (2) Title 63C, Chapter 19, Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission is
- 789 repealed July 1, 2020.
- 790 (3) Subsection 63G-12-402(3)(1)(i) referring to a Regents' scholarship and Subsection
- 791 63G-12-402(3)(l)(ii) referring to a New Century scholarship are repealed on July 1, 2024.
- 792 [(3)] (4) Section 63H-7a-303 is repealed on July 1, 2022.
- 793 [(4)] <u>(5)</u> On July 1, 2019:
- 794 (a) in Subsection 63J-1-206(2)(c)(i), the language that states "Subsection (2)(c)(ii) and"
- is repealed; and
- 796 (b) Subsection 63J-1-206(2)(c)(ii) is repealed.
- 797 [(5)] (6) Section 63J-4-708 is repealed January 1, 2023.
- 798 [(6)] (7) Subsection 63N-3-109(2)(f)(i)(B) is repealed July 1, 2020.
- 799 [(7)] (8) Section 63N-3-110 is repealed July 1, 2020.
- 800 Section 16. Repealer.
- This bill repeals:
- Section 53B-8-113, Reporting.

803	Section 17. Appropriation.
804	The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
805	2019, and ending June 30, 2020. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
806	fiscal year 2020. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
807	Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
808	indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.
809	ITEM 1
810	To Board of Regents – Student Assistance
811	From Education Fund, One-time \$30,000,000
812	Schedule of Programs:
813	Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program \$30,000,000
814	The Legislature intends that:
815	(1) appropriations under this item be used for the Access Utah Promise Scholarship
816	Program described in Title 53B, Chapter 8, Part 3, Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program;
817	<u>and</u>
818	(2) under Section 64J-1-603, appropriations provided under this item not lapse at the
819	close of fiscal year 2020 and the use of any nonlapsing funds is limited to the purposes
820	described in Title 53B, Chapter 8, Part 3, Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program.